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Celebrate Yukon Mining & Geology Week, May 26-30

WHITEHORSE – Yukon is celebrating Mining and Geology Week from May 26-30, Energy Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang announced today.

"Mining and geology have had a tremendous influence on Yukon's history, culture and economy," he said. "I encourage Yukoners to participate in this week's events and activities as we consider the importance of mining in our everyday lives."

The Government of Yukon and the Yukon Chamber of Mines are organizing contests, displays and activities in Whitehorse, Destruction Bay and Haines Junction. This year's events include:

- Posters and displays at the Destruction Bay Community Hall, the St. Elias Convention Center in Haines Junction and the Elijah Smith Building in Whitehorse.
- Public talks in Whitehorse and Haines Junction by staff from the Yukon Geological Survey.
- Fun for school aged children in Destruction Bay (May 27) and Haines Junction (May 28-29); activities include: gold panning, making gold flake business cards, soapstone carving and trivia.

"The Yukon Chamber of Mines is pleased to work with the Yukon government on Mining and Geology Week," Yukon Chamber of Mines

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President Carl Schulze said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for Yukoners of all ages to learn about the benefits of responsible and sustainable development of Yukon's mineral resources."

Yukon children are also encouraged to submit their entry to the "Your Computer Was Mined" poster contest and the "Mining Today" colouring contest. Prizes include laptop computers, GPS units, Nintendo DS handheld console, memory sticks, gold panning kits, digital cameras and more.

For more information about Yukon Mining and Geology Week activities, call Carrie Labonte at (867) 667-8508 or go to **http://www.yukonmining.com/**

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Yukon-wide events

"Your Computer Was Mined" poster contest. "Mining Today" coloring contest for children 8 years of age and under

Whitehorse, May 26 – 30

Posters and displays - Elijah Smith Building foyer

Whitehorse, May 27, Public Talks - Gold Rush Inn, Town Hall room

7-7:20 pm: Mt. Steele's Slippery Slope. Presented by Panya Lipovsky.
7:25-7:55 pm: Geology of the Kluane Ranges and the formation of the St. Elias Mountains. Presented by Steve Israel.
8-8:45 pm: Neoglacial Lake Alsek: The Little Ice Age Flooding of the Haines Junction Area. Presented by Jeff Bond.

Destruction Bay, May 27

Events in Community Hall, 10 am to 4 pm Posters and displays. Activities for school aged children: make your own rock and mineral kit; soapstone carving; trivia to win Yukon mineral samples. Gold panning for all ages and make your own gold flake business card.

Haines Junction, May 28-29

Events in the St. Elias Convention Center from noon– 4 pm Posters and displays Activities for school aged children: make your own rock and mineral kit; soapstone carving; trivia to win Yukon mineral samples Gold panning for all ages and make your own gold flake business card.

Haines Junction, May 28

Public Talks - St. Elias Convention Center
7-7:20 pm: Mt. Steele's Slippery Slope. Presented by Panya Lipovsky.
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